Advancements in the IR PowerWorks Employing a Ceramic Turbine Rotor

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Ingersoll-Rand's Ceramic Microturbine (CMT) Plan

- Following a low risk development path that will yield significant performance increase for PowerWorks™ products in 2003
 - Introduce ceramic turbine rotor to operate within proven limits of today's technology
 - Size and manufacturing limits
 - Temperature
 - Stress
 - Use metallic alloy for turbine housing and down-stream section, including recuperator.



PowerWorks 70kW Specifications

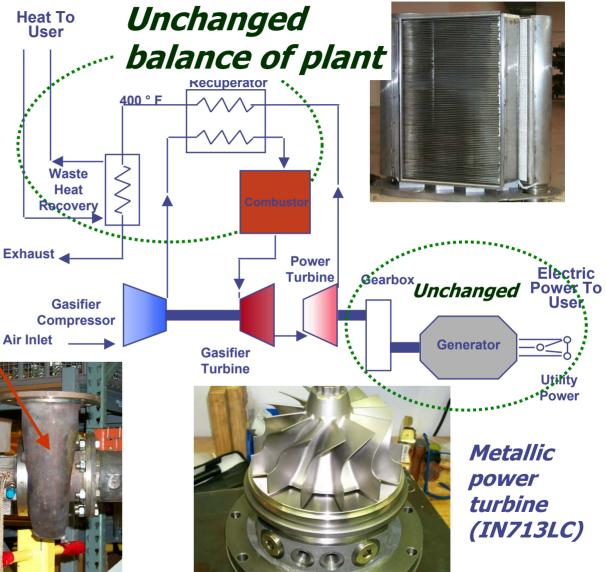


- 70kWe model
- Has 130% peaking power capacity on cold days (92 kWe)
- Electrical efficiency 29% LHV at ISO
- Low emissions with natural gas
- NOx < 4 ppmv, CO<9 ppmv@ 15%O2
- 80,000 hour engine life
- Grid-parallel or grid-isolated electrical generation
- Closed transitions to grid-isolated mode during grid outages
- Automatic block load handling up to 70kW

Trade Study Final Conclusions:

- Define cycle to utilize low-cost stainless steel recuperator
 - Gas inlet temperature below 700 C
 - Moderate turbine inlet temperature (TIT) (1000 to 1020 C) to avoid unacceptable recession and coating cost/complexity
 - Resulting rise in pressure ratio to 4.8 to 5.2
- ◆ Low ceramic rotor tip speed (Expansion ratio ~ 2 to 2.2)
 - show large margin based on stress predictions, leading to low statistical failure predictions
- Build from Kyocera's proven manufacturing base
 - Adopt experience form high volume turbocharger manufacturing - not the more developmental and expensive ceramics
 - Keep rotor diameters below about 100-mm

PowerWorks[™] - Frame 3



Ceramic rotor

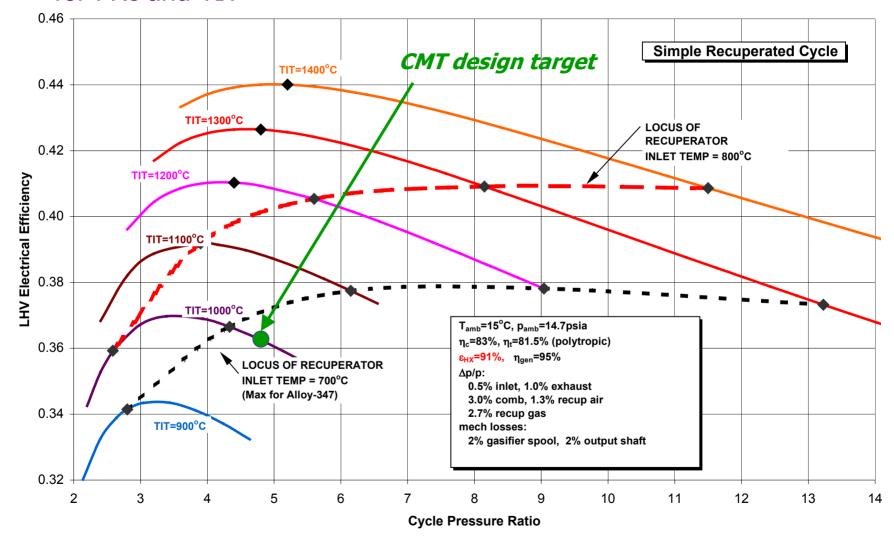


All new and improved aero-components (compressor + 2 turbines)

Turbine-compressor rotating group



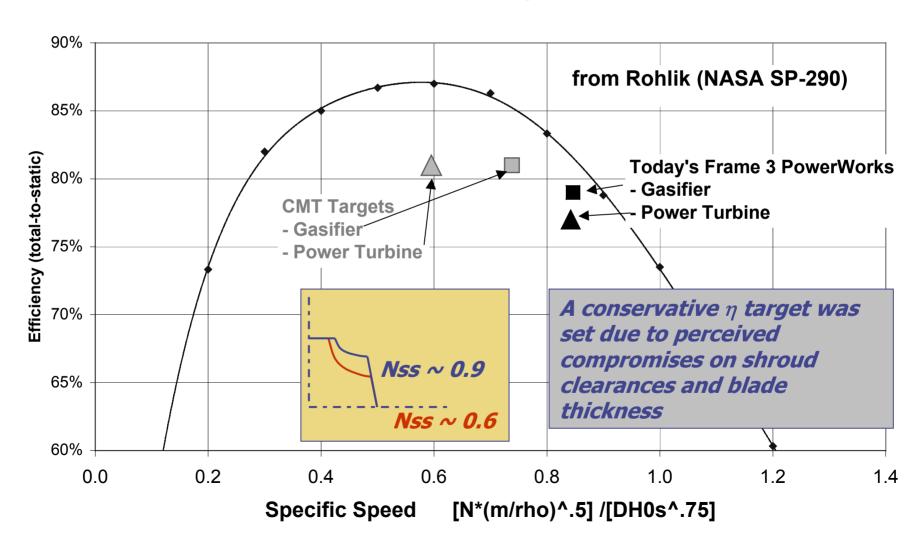
Cycle selection - Defining recuperator stainless alloy, sets options for PRc and TIT



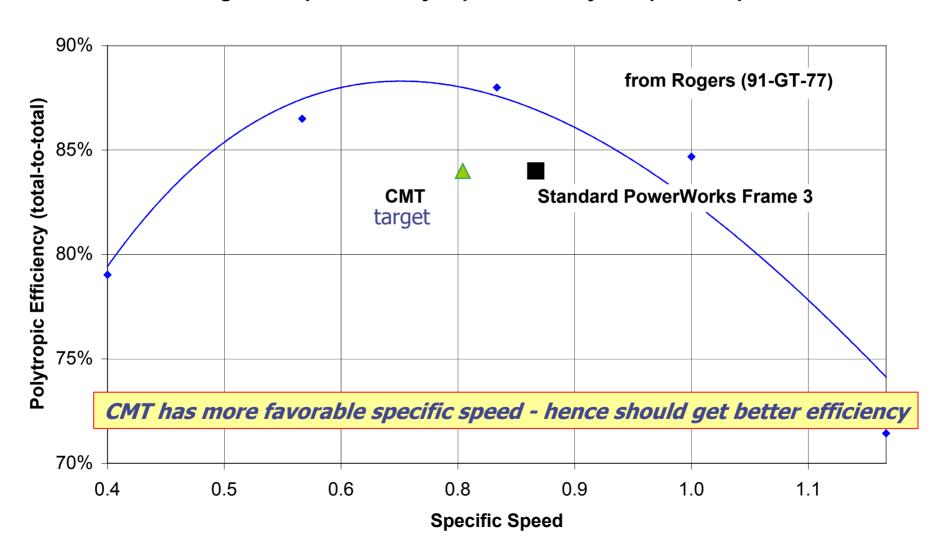
Performance optimization within proven and conservative limits of monolithic Silicon Nitride

- Gasifier Turbine Aerodynamic and Thermodynamic Specifications
 - TIT = 1000 C
 - Expansion ratio = 2.1
 - Physical Speed = 97,500 RPM
 - Rotor tip speed = 485 m/s
 - Running clearance, inducer tip = 0.46 mm (0.018 in.)
 - Running clearance, exducer tip = 0.30 mm (0.012 in.)
 - Minimum blade thickness at inducer tip = 2 mm (0.080 in)
 - Minimum blade thickness at exducer trailing edge = 1.1 mm (0.044 in)
 - Nozzle-less turbine housing
 - Blade geometry must be "pullable" form mold
 - 100 mm rotor size limit

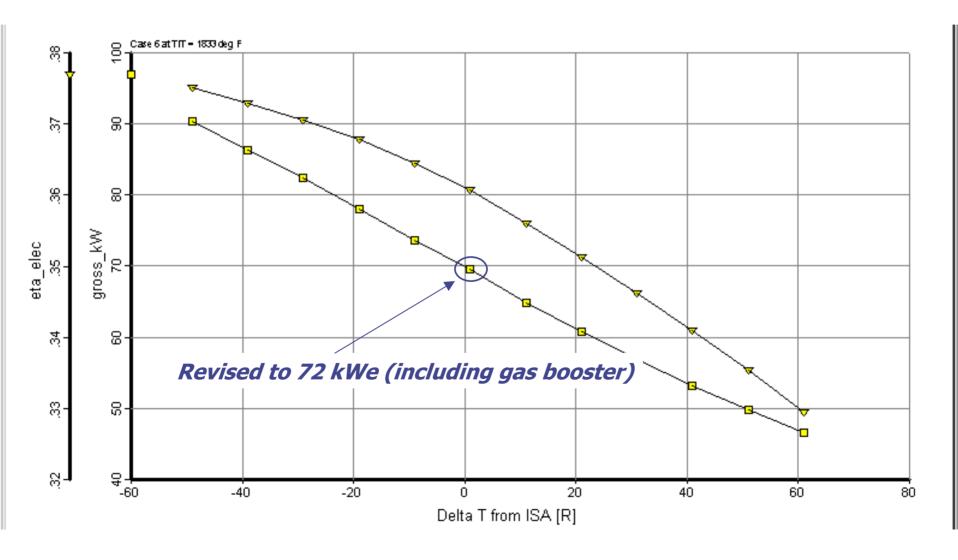
State of the art Radial Inflow Turbine Efficiency vs Specific Speed



State of the Art
Centrifugal-Compressor Polytropic Efficiency vs Specific Speed



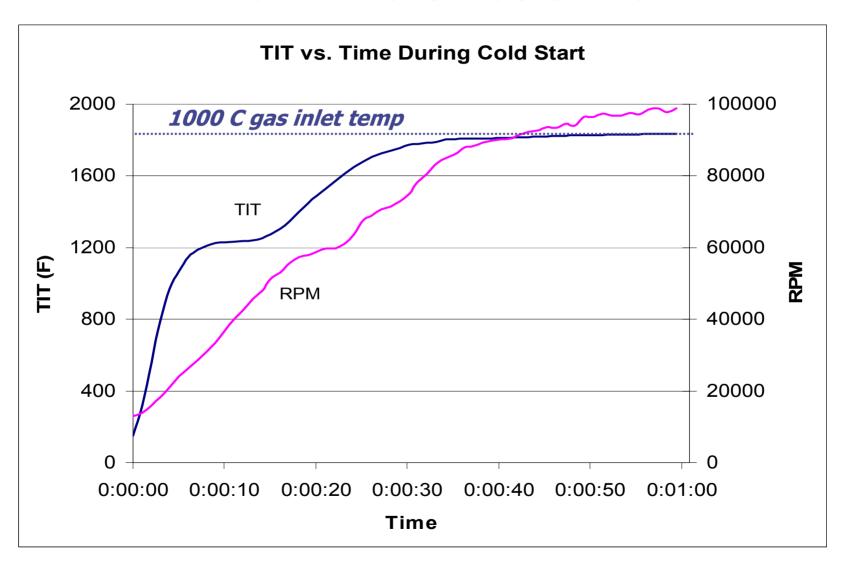
PowerWorks CMT: Ambient Temp Effect on Power and Efficiency



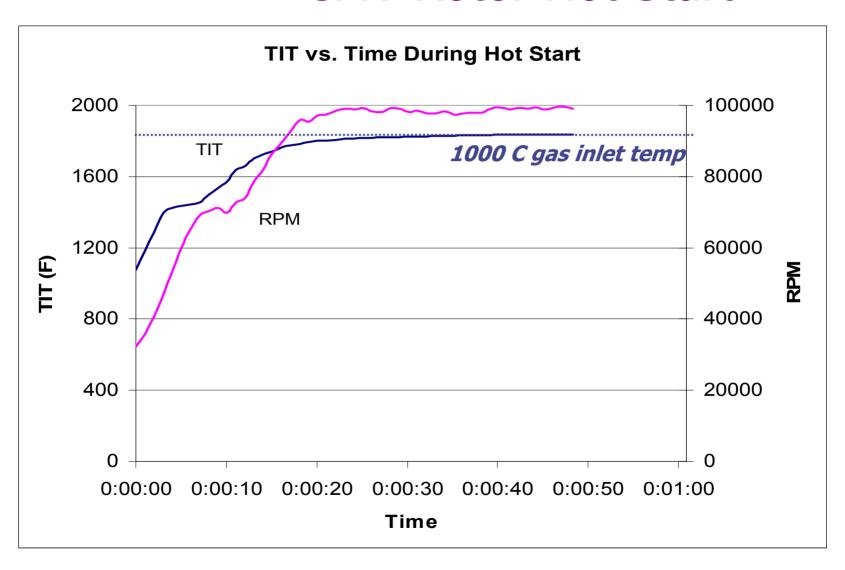
CMT Turbine Rotor Boundary Conditions for life analysis

- Transient date derived from Frame 3 startup conditions
 - Hot and cold startup (transient) conditions derived form representative PowerWorks measurements.
 - Transient data scaled to CMT application:
 - Temperatures scaled from 870 C to 1000 C TIT
 - Speeds scaled from 72,000 to 97,500 RPM
 - Rate of acceleration scaled by the ratio of the inertias of the Frame
 3 PowerWorks and the CMT rotor
- Steady state data derived from BANIG[™] computer simulation

CMT Rotor Cold Start



CMT Rotor Hot Start



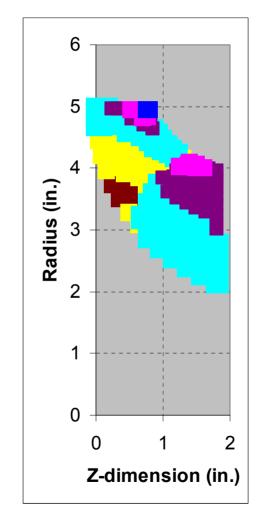
CMT Rotor Heat Transfer Coefficients

- Steady state heat transfer coefficients derived from computer simulation of rotor performance
- heat transfer coefficient calculated using:

$$Re < 90,000$$
:

$$Nu = 0.332 \cdot \mathrm{Re}^{1/2} \cdot \mathrm{Pr}^{1/3}$$

Re > 90,000:
$$Nu = \frac{C_f}{1 + (12.7 \cdot (C_f^{1/2} \cdot (\Pr^{2/3} - 1)))}$$



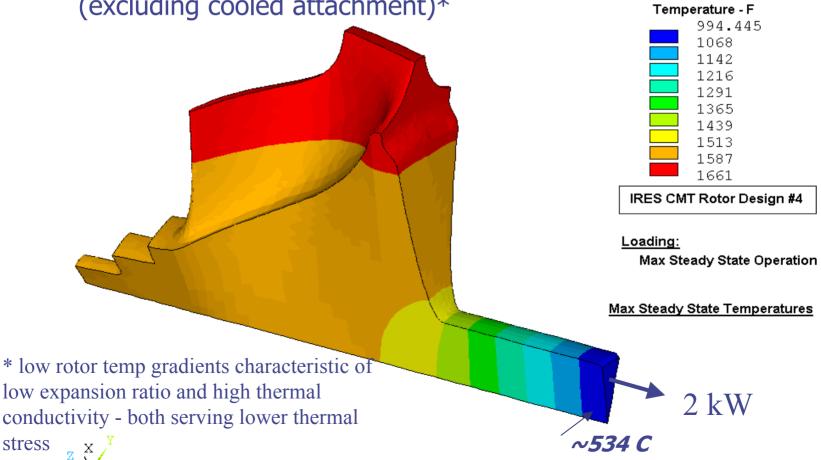
color	htc
	BTU/ft2F
MAROON	40
YELLOW	75
LTBLUE	125
PURPLE	175
PINK	210
DARKBLUE	305

CMT Rotor Steady State Temperatures

• TIT = 1000 C

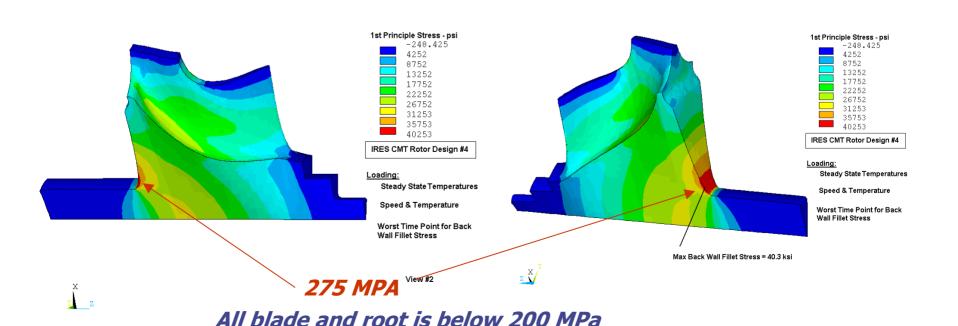
Maximum adiabatic Wall Temperature = 905 C

 Maximum rotor temperature difference = 60 C (excluding cooled attachment)*



CMT Rotor Steady-State Stresses (Principle)

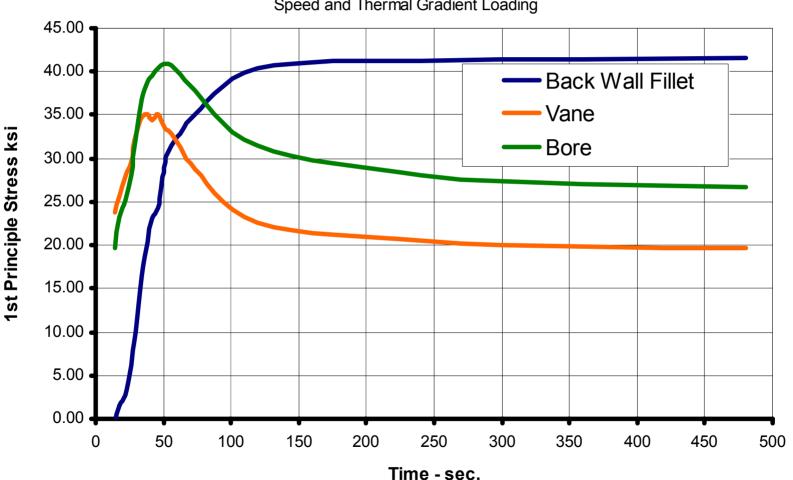
- Kyocera stipulated design target of 200 MPa for SN237
- Steady state critical stress location is at back wall fillet
 - currently evaluating to 275 MPa (at bore)
 - can be further alleviated with larger fillet, if necessary



CMT Rotor Cold Start Stress Profiles

1st Principle Stress Distribution

Speed and Thermal Gradient Loading



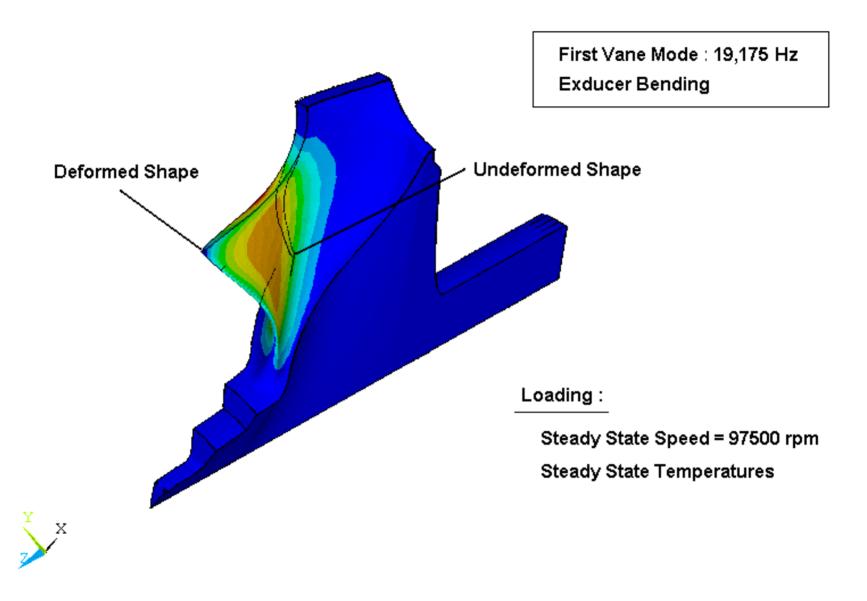


Fig 26. IRES, CMT Rotor Design #4, Dynamics Analysis Results.

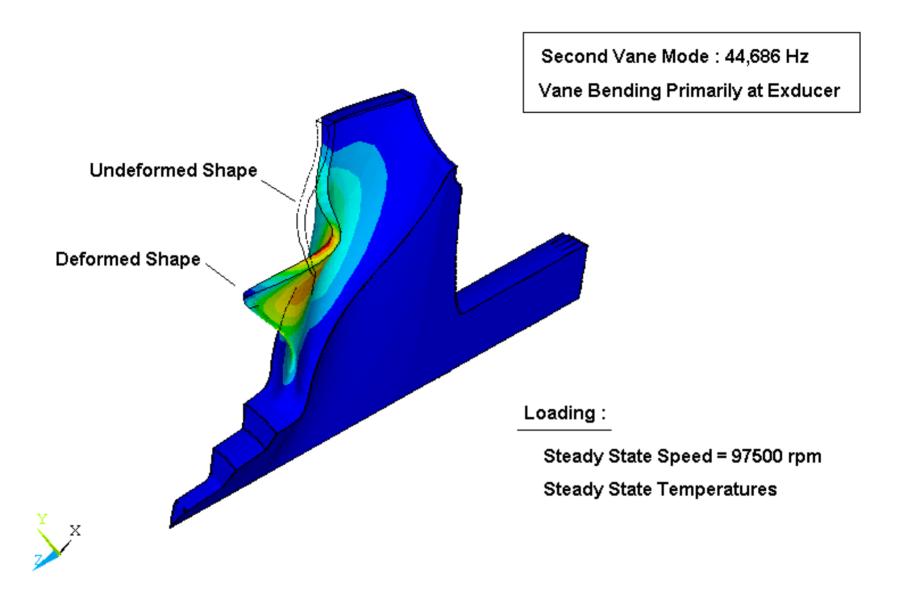
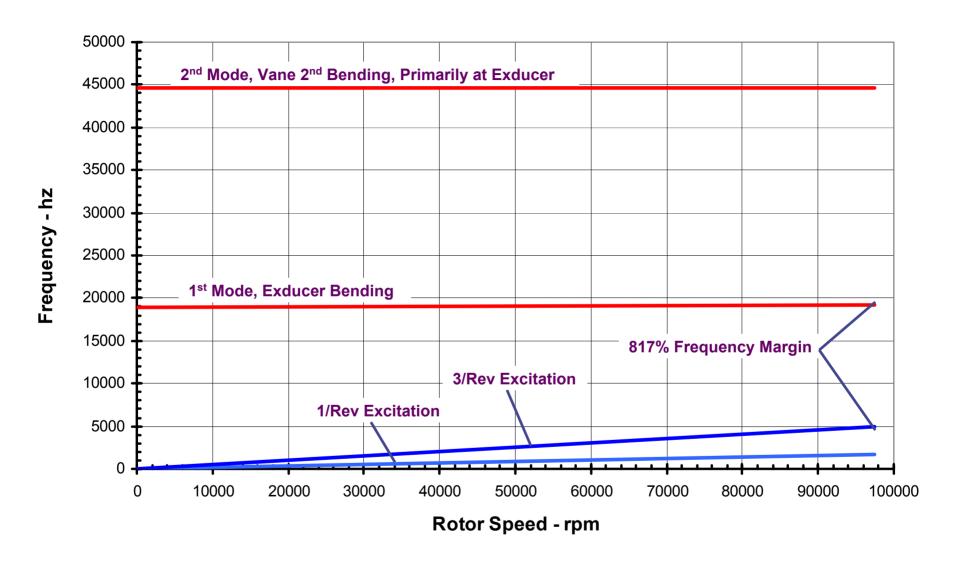


Fig 27. IRES, CMT Rotor Design #4, Dynamics Analysis Results.

IRES CMT Gasifier Rotor, Campbell Diagram



CARES Analysis based on ORNL Materials Data Base

Material	Data year	Manufacturer
SN282	2001	Kyocera
SN237	2001	Kyocera
AS800	1995	Honeywell (Formerly Allied Signal
NT154	1989	St. Gobain (formally Norton)

CARES Model Results

SN 237 - 2001 Vintage Material

	<u>Steady State</u>		<u> 38 Seconds</u>		<u>54 Seconds</u>	
Probability of Failure	0.000000000747451		0.000001514190000		0.000001025080000	
Reliability	0.999999999252549	(9 nines)	0.999998485810000	(5 nines)	0.999998974920000	(5 nines)
Failure Rate	1337880343		660419		975534	

SN 282 - 2001 Vintage Material

	<u>Steady State</u>		<u> 38 Seconds</u>		<u>54 Seconds</u>	
Probability of Failure	0.000000032730000		0.000075857000000		0.000034566800000	
Reliability	0.999999967270000	(7 nines)	0.999924143000000	(4 nines)	0.999965433200000	(4 nines)
Failure Rate	30553009		13183		28929	

AS 800 - 1995 Vintage Material

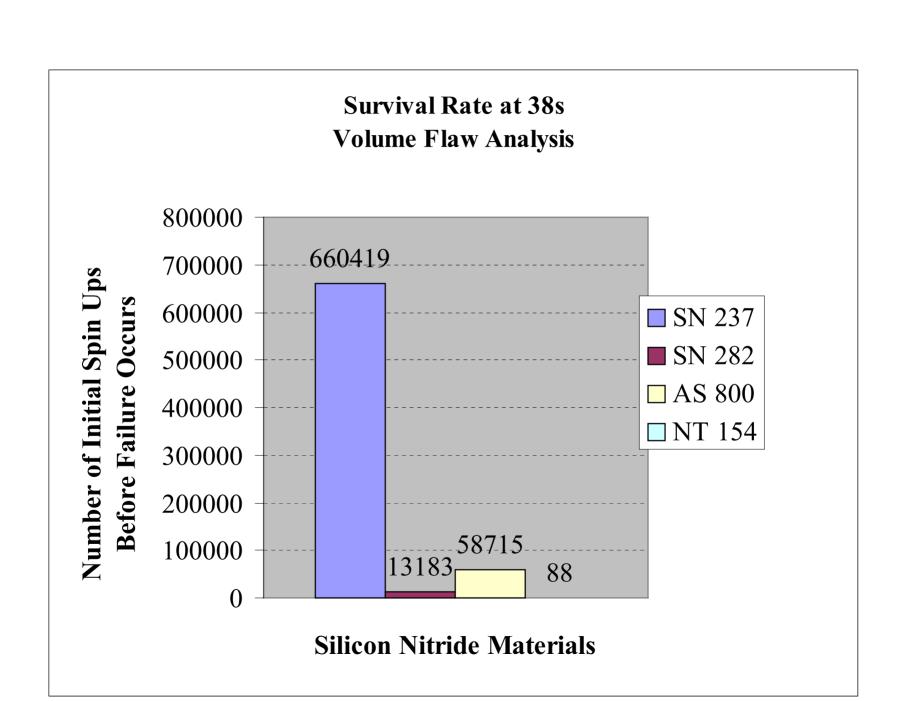
	<u>Steady State</u>		<u> 38 Seconds</u>		<u>54 Seconds</u>	
Probability of Failure	0.000000021028900		0.000017031300000		0.000008595400000	
Reliability	0.999999978971100	(7 nines)	0.999982968700000	(4 nines)	0.999991404600000	(5 nines)
Failure Rate	47553605		58715		116341	

NT 154 - 1989 Vintage Material

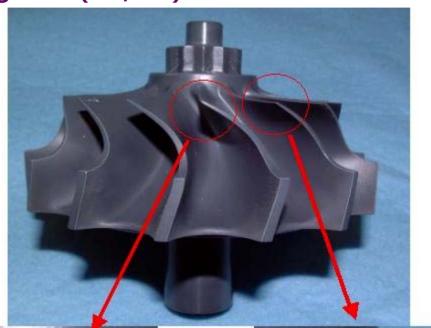
	<u>Steady State</u>		<u> 38 Seconds</u>		<u>54 Seconds</u>	
Probability of Failure	0.000237266000000		0.011407100000000		0.008427090000000	
Reliability	0.999762734000000	(3 nines)	0.988592900000000	(1 nine)	0.991572910000000	(2 nines)
Failure Rate	4215		88		119	

Notes from Steve Duffy:

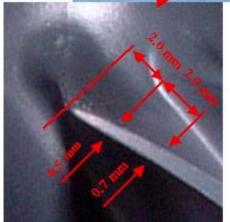
^{• 38} second condition appears to be worst case



First Kyocera SN237 rotors fabricated for IR CMT Program (12/02)

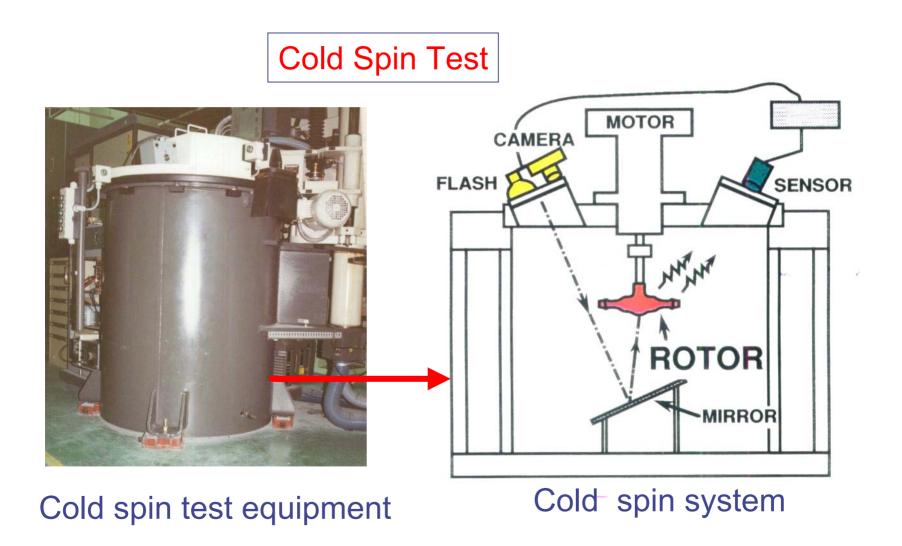


- Excellent blade true position and blade profile dimensional control
- Excellent surface finish
- Coordinate generation error resulted in ultra-thin blades



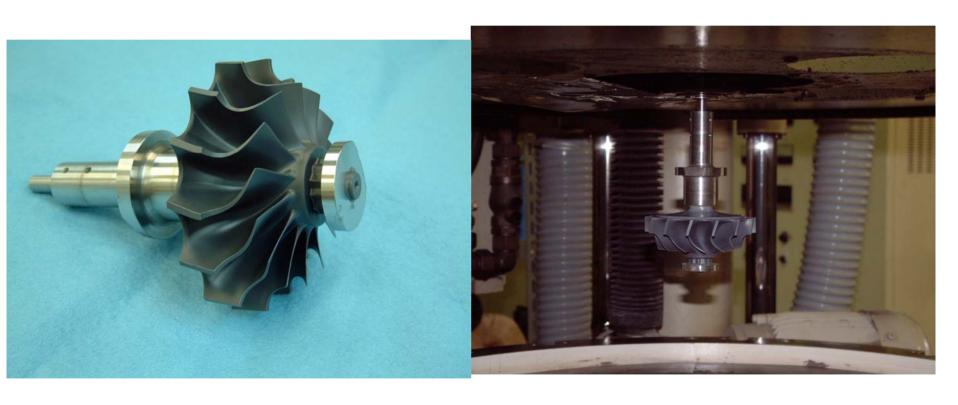


Evaluation Development



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Cold Spin Test



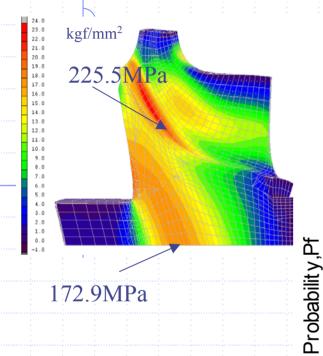
Spin pit after rotor burst at 167,197 RPM



SN237 rotor fragments

Rotor-less spindle

Cold Spin Test Results



Room temperature, Material: SN237

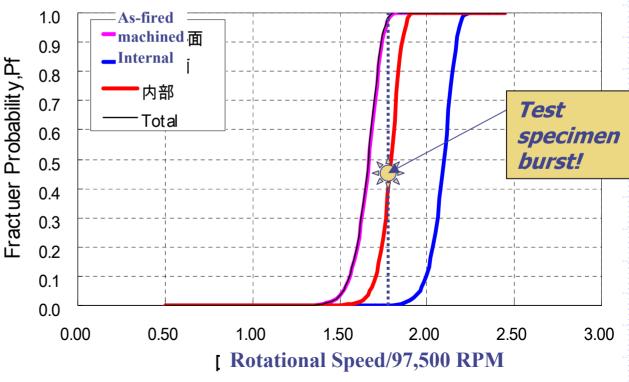
Design Speed: 97,500rpm

Burst Speed = 167,197 (sample #1, only sample)

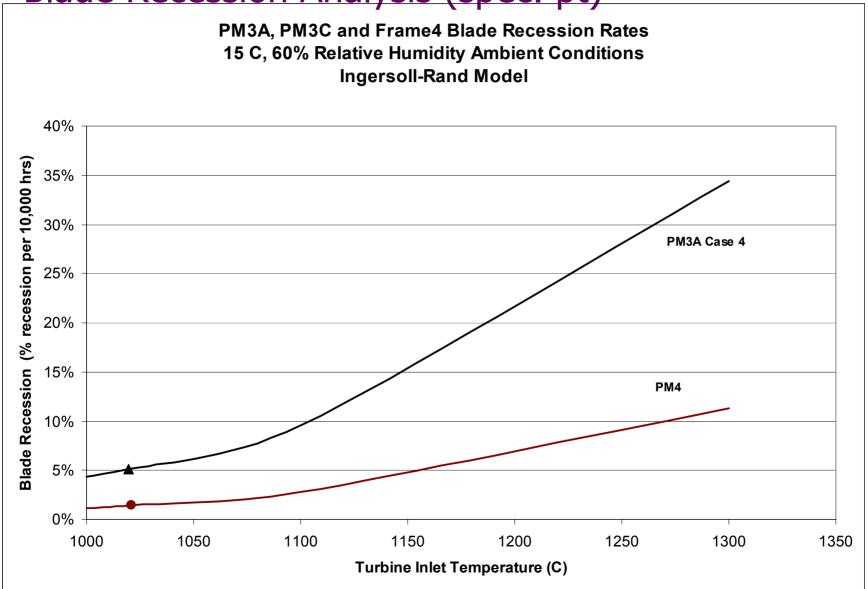
Burst Speed ratio = 171% (Burst/Design)

Burst Stress factor $(N^2) = 2.9$

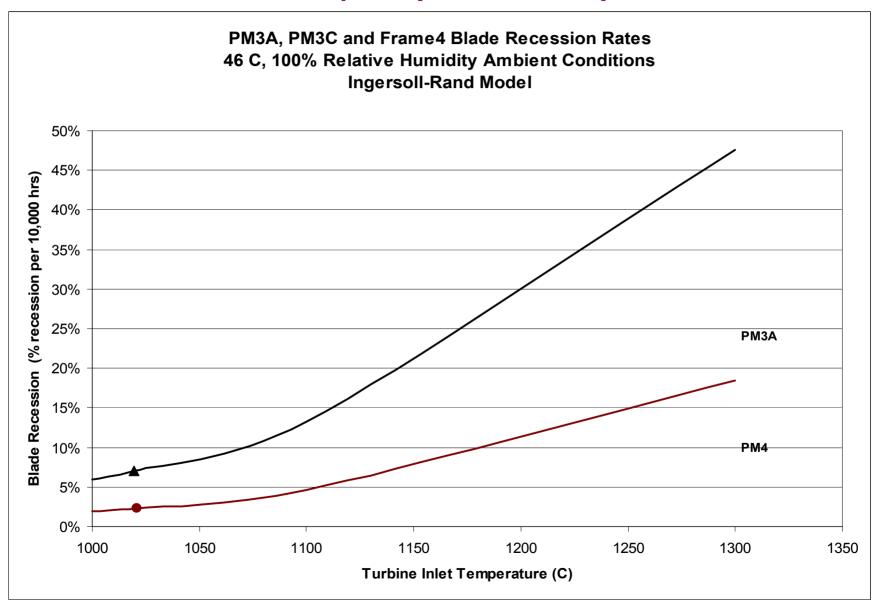
Fracture Probability of Rotor(SN237)

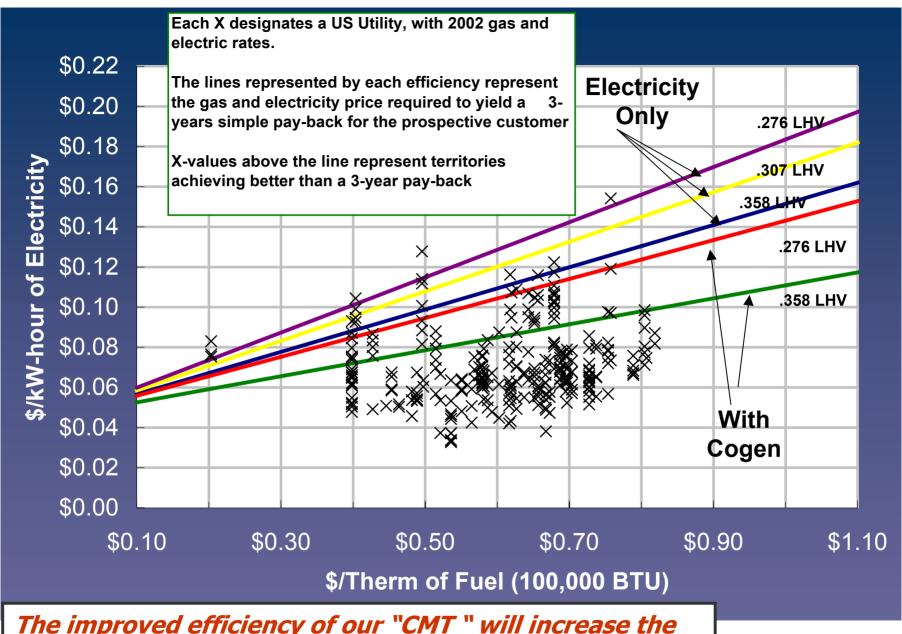


Blade Recession Analysis (spec. pt)



Blade Recession Analysis (worst case)





The improved efficiency of our "CMT" will increase the addressable market ten fold